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BOPP HONORS CAREER OF DANNY MCGINNIS

Nashville, Tennessee --- The Board of Probation and Parole today honored a recently retired employee who made major contributions to the agency's progress and the criminal justice profession over the past 30-plus years. Howard "Danny" McGinnis was District Director for BOPP's 1st District from 1999 until his retirement in August.

BOPP Executive Director Bo Irvin said, "Danny McGinnis is the epitome of a good manager. I admire his professionalism and his dedication to duty. He and his professional contributions will be greatly missed by everyone at this agency."

McGinnis rose through the ranks as a probation/parole officer and manager. He is known among peers as an innovator in law enforcement and treatment planning, and worked to successfully secure federal grant funding for regimens like the Weed and Seed program that operates in both Johnson City and Kingsport. The program "weeds" out criminals by designating half of the grant to law enforcement for investigating and prosecuting criminals in well-defined geographic areas. The other half of the grant is used to "seed" new social, health, employment and housing programs to make the community a better place to live.

McGinnis was also instrumental in establishing a partnership between BOPP and the Johnson City Police Department. And he worked diligently to secure funding to establish a day reporting center in Kingsport that serves probation, parole and community corrections offenders.

The City of Elizabethton has honored McGinnis with a resolution proclaiming September 23rd *Danny McGinnis Day*. A native of Carter County, McGinnis is a graduate of Unaka High School and East Tennessee State University. He is also an Army veteran who served a tour of duty in Vietnam.

BOPP's 1st District is comprised of Carter, Greene, Hawkins, Johnson, Sullivan, Unicoi and Washington Counties in upper east Tennessee.

The Board of Probation and Parole (<http://www.state.tn.us/bopp/index.html>) is an independent seven-member board whose members are appointed by the Governor. The Board is charged with the responsibility of deciding which eligible felony offenders will be granted parole and released from incarceration to community-based supervision. Along with the supervision of those granted parole, the Board is also responsible for supervising felony offenders who are placed on probation by criminal courts.

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